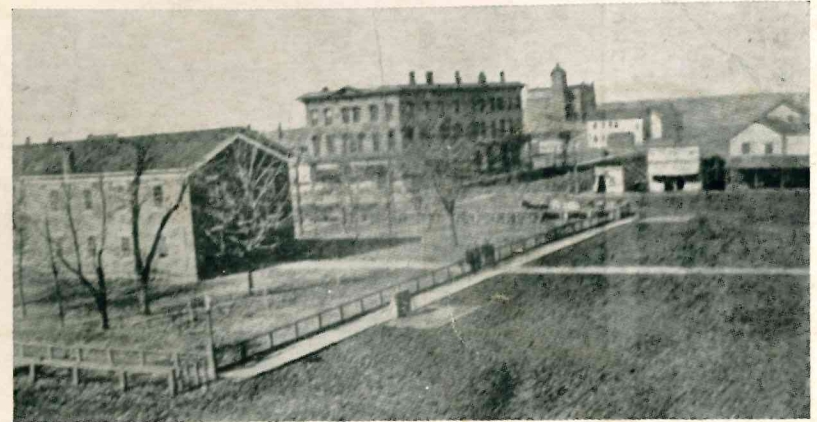
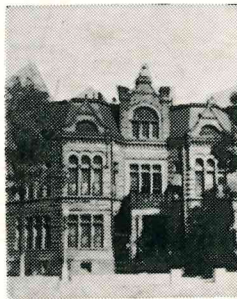


# DEWITT COUNTY YEAR BOOK

1959-1960



*DeWitt County Court House Square in 1873*



*Court House in 1946*



*DeWitt County Court House in 1893*

**JAMES E. ELY, COUNTY CLERK**

*Jeant Washburn*

This is your 1959-1960 DeWitt County Year Book. We have made every effort to attain correct compilation of needed information. Any errors or omissions are unintended and should be brought to our attention.

We therefore respectfully submit this year book to you not only for your reading, not only for your information, but above all, for your use.

Thank you.

James E. Ely  
County Clerk

FACTS CONCERNING  
THE  
DEWITT COUNTY COURT HOUSE

Plans Adopted	May 15, 1893
Cornerstone Laid	August 31, 1893
Dedicated	July 4, 1894

SUPERVISORS AND BUILDING COMMITTEE

S. A. Graham, Chairman  
J. M. Green, Clerk

John Cusey	John McCord
N. Foley	J. E. Hartsock
S. C. Rosencrans	J. T. Maddox
C. D. Downing	George W. Scott
A. N. Kirby	Milo Twist
I. C. Lafferty	Emerson Hartsock

Henry Elliott, Architect  
Schultz & Co., Contractor  
Crossman & Lee, Decorator

NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

PRESIDENT AND CABINET OF THE UNITED STATES

President	Dwight D. Eisenhower, R.
Vice-President	Richard M. Nixon, R.
Secretary of State	Christian Herter
Secretary of the Treasury	Robert B. Anderson
Secretary of Defense	Neil McElroy
Attorney General	William P. Rogers
Postmaster General	Arthur E. Summerfield
Secretary of the Interior	Fred A. Seaton
Secretary of Agriculture	Ezra Taft Benson
Secretary of Commerce	Sinclair Weeks
Secretary of Labor	James P. Mitchell
Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare	Arthur S. Fleming

UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT

Earl Warren, Chief Justice	California
Hugo Lafayette Black	Alabama
Felix Frankfurter	Massachusetts
William O. Douglas	Connecticut
Harold H. Burton	Ohio
Thomas C. Clark	Texas
John Marshall Harlan	New York
William J. Brennan	New Jersey
Charles E. Whittaker	Missouri
Clerk, Charles Elmore Cropley	

UNITED STATES SENATORS

Everett McKinley Dirksen, R., 1963	Pekin
Paul H. Douglas, D., 1961	Chicago



STATE OFFICERS  
Executive Department

Governor - William G. Stratton, R.	1956-1960
Lieutenant Governor - John Wm. Chapman, R.	1956-1960
Secretary of State - Charles F. Carpentier, R.	1956-1960
Auditor - Elbert S. Smith, R.	1956-1960
State Treasurer - Joseph D. Lohman, D.	1958-1962
Attorney General - Grenville Beardsley (Apptd)	-1960
Supt. of Public Instruction - George T. Wilkins, D.	1958-1962
Clerk of the Supreme Court - Mrs. Earle B. Searcy, R.	1956-1962

SUPREME COURT OF ILLINOIS

Meets at Springfield on the first Tuesday in February, April, June, October and December. Justices are elected for term of nine years.

Charles H. Davis, Chief Justice	Rockford
Byron O. House	Nashville
Harry B. Hershey	Taylorville
George W. Bristow	Paris
Ray I. Klingbiel	East Moline
Joseph E. Daily	Peoria
Walter V. Schaefer	Lake Bluff

CONGRESSIONAL, JUDICIAL & SENATORIAL

22nd Congressional District

William Springer, R. Champaign

Circuit Judges Sixth Judicial District  
(Elected June, 1957 - Term, 6 Years)

Martin E. Morthland, R.	Decatur
Charles E. Keller, R.	Urbana
Birch E. Morgan, R.	Monticello
Rodney Scott, R.	Decatur

Illinois General Assembly  
28th Senatorial District

George P. John, Senator, R. Decatur

Representatives, 42nd District

Ben S. Rhodes, R.	Bloomington
Dean McCully, R.	Minonk
J. W. Scott, D.	Bloomington

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

WILLIAM L. SPRINGER - Born at Sullivan, Indiana, on April 12, 1909, the son of Otha L. and Daisey Tucker Springer. He attended grade and high schools and was graduated from DePauw University in 1931 with a B.A. degree, and in 1935 was graduated from the University of Illinois



Law School with an LL.B degree. Mr. Springer married Elsie Mattis of Champaign, Illinois in 1942 and has three children; Katherine Curtis, Ann Tucker and Georgia Mattis. He began the practice of law at Champaign on January 1, 1936 as an associate in the firm of Busch and Harrington. He was State's Attorney of Champaign County from 1940 to March 9, 1942, at which time he resigned to enter the U.S. Navy in which he served for 41 months. He served as County judge of Champaign County from 1946 to 1950. He is a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, AMVETS, and Disabled American Veterans, Illinois and American Bar Associations, Phi Delta Theta and Phi Delta Phi fraternities. Elected to the 82nd, 83rd, 84th, and 85th Congresses. Member of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. Address: 1305 West University Avenue, Champaign.

BEN S. RHODES - Born in Saunemin, April 11, 1889. Educated in Bloomington public schools and Illinois Wesleyan University Law School. Married Julia O'Neill. Has served as assistant to the County Judge of McLean County, chief clerk of Bloomington City Election commission, Private Secretary to Frank Funk of Illinois Public Utilities Commission, supervisor of McLean County and Mayor of Bloomington for three terms. Active in American Legion, being a past post commander, past district commander and past grand correspondent of the 40 and 8. Former secretary and chairman of the McLean County Republican central committee. Member Official board First Christian Church of Bloomington and a member of Masonic bodies. He was elected to General Assembly in 1938, and re-elected in 1940, 1942, 1944, 1946, 1948, 1950, 1952, 1954 and 1956. Chairman of Committee on Insurance 63rd, 64th and 65th General Assemblies. Majority leader 67th General Assembly. Chairman of Committee on Contingent expenses, 68th, 69th and 70th General Assemblies. Address: 1211 Broadway Street, Normal.

DEAN McCULLY - Born in Marshall County, 1907. Attended LaRose schools, Illinois Wesleyan and University of Iowa Law School. Married Sarah Stoddard and they have one son and three daughters. Engaged in farming and farm management for 26 years. Serving his fourth term in the General Assembly. Address: Minonk.

J. W. "BILL" SCOTT - Born April 18, 1915 in McLean County, Illinois. Mr. Scott was educated at Arrowsmith high school and Illinois State Normal University. He has been engaged successfully in business in this community for more than 25 years. He is past commander of Louis E. Davis Post No. 56 of the American Legion and member of the 40 and 8; County athletic officer for the Junior Legion Baseball program and seventeenth district athletic officer. He is a member of the Arrowsmith Masonic Lodge No. 737, Bloomington Consistory, Bloomington Shrine club and Mohammed Temple. He is a home owner, is married and has three children. He is a lifelong resident of McLean County. Address: 730 Towanda Street, Bloomington.

#### DEWITT COUNTY IS IN

Congressional District No. 22 - Counties of Champaign, Coles, DeWitt, Douglas, Macon, Moultrie, Piatt and Shelby.

Senatorial District No. 28 - Counties of DeWitt, Logan and Macon.

House District No. 42 - Counties of DeWitt, McLean, Marshall, Putnam and Woodford.

Supreme Court District No. 3.

Appellate Court District No. 3.

Circuit Court District No. 6 - Counties of Champaign, DeWitt, Douglas, Macon, Moultrie and Piatt.



## COUNTY GOVERNMENT

	Term Expires
County Judge - William C. Calvin	1962
County Clerk - James E. Ely	1962
County Treasurer - R. C. McAboy	1962
Circuit Clerk - Ada R. Morin	1960
Sheriff - William Barrett	1962
State's Attorney - Harry R. Stevens	1960
Supt. of Schools - A. W. Dickey	1963
Coroner - Clyde M. Helm (Apptd.)	1960
Master in Chancery - George J. Smith	Apptd
Public Administrator - Clarence A. Nebel	Apptd
Probation Officer - Circuit and County Court - J. C. Bickel	Apptd
County Agricultural Adviser - Darrell Cruthis	Apptd
County Home Adviser - Harriett Myers Stevenson	Apptd
County Supt. of Public Welfare - Mecca McIntyre	Apptd
County Supt. of Highways - Glen M. Cougill	Apptd

## DEWITT-PIATT COUNTY MULTI HEALTH BOARD

President	Dr. George G. Green, Monticello
Vice-President	Dr. G. S. Walker, Deland
Secretary	Mildred Fisher, R.N., Mansfield
Board Members -	Dr. Hal E. Gronlund, E. R. Rinehart, Dr. C. H. Kring, S. F. Weaver, Lyle Niklaus
Health Officer	Dr. E. M. Thompson
Nurses	Charlene Law - Bertha V. Owen
Sanitarian	Bruce Axtell
Office Secretaries	Mrs. Robert Wrone, Clinton Patty McGinnis, Monticello

## DEPUTIES AND ASSISTANTS

County Clerk Deputy	Lois Thompson
County Clerk Deputy	Helen M. Curl
County Clerk Deputy	H. T. Williamson
County Treasurer Deputy	Beulah Oakley
County Treasurer Deputy	Laura McAboy
County Treasurer Deputy	Gorma Orr
Circuit Clerk Deputy	Millicent Campbell
Circuit Clerk Deputy	Catherine Crawford
Sheriff Deputy	James Padgett
Sheriff Deputy	Charles Brown
Sheriff Deputy	Thomas Miller
Supt. of Schools, Assistant	Rose Armstrong
Permanent Registration Clerk	Ardath Alsup
County Supt. of Highways, Clerk	Alta Clemons
Radio Operator	W. D. Magill
Radio Operator	Ira Gandy
Radio Operator	Dean Cromwell
Radio Operator	Fred Lawler

## DEWITT COUNTY TUBERCULOSIS SANITARIUM BOARD

Dr. W. R. Marvel	Clinton
Dr. Harold Weinberg	Clinton
Mrs. Ruth C. Troxel	Wapella
Recording Sec'y.-Dr. E. M. Thompson,	Clinton

## DEWITT COUNTY BAR

William C. Calvin	George J. Smith
Robert Gammage	William B. Smith
Grover Hoff	William F. Smith
G. W. Herrick	Harry R. Stevens
Raymond W. Lamkin	Emerson M. Williams
O. A. Peithman	Rayburn H. Wilson
A. J. Rudasill	



## SUPERVISORS

<u>TOWNSHIP</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>TERM EXP.</u>
Tunbridge	Paul Huber	R.R., Kenney	1963
Texas	S. F. Weaver	R.R. 2, Clinton	1961
Creek	Charles W. Curl	R.R. 4, Clinton	1961
Nixon	Carl Reeser	R.R., Weldon	1963
Barnett	Laurence Burns	R.R. 1, Clinton	1963
Clintonia	Robert Bartlett	504 W. South, Clinton	1963
Clintonia	True C. Ives (x)	214 W. Main, Clinton	1963
Clintonia	* Lloyd O. Costley (x)	618 S. Center, Clinton	1963
Harp	Coy E. Torbert	R.R. 3, Clinton	1963
DeWitt	Lester Glenn	R.R., Farmer City	1961
Waynesville	J. A. Scott	Waynesville	1963
Wapella	Kenneth B. Duncan	Wapella	1961
Wilson	Roy Schumaker	R.R., Heyworth	1961
Rutledge	Okie Gibbs	R.R. 2, Farmer City	1961
Santa Anna	C. A. Roberts	114 E. High, Farmer City	1961

\* Chairman

x Assistant Supervisors

The Board meets as follows: Second Monday of every month except Second Tuesday in March (Special), Second Tuesday in September (Annual) and Second Tuesday in December (Special).

DEWITT COUNTY STANDING COMMITTEES  
1959-1960

ABATEMENT & TAX - Curl, Torbert, Weaver  
 BOOKS & STATIONERY - Torbert, Huber, Gibbs  
 BOVINE & RABIES - Curl, Bartlett, Duncan  
 SUPERVISORS & CIVIL DEFENSE - Ives, Huber, Bartlett  
 COUNTY FARM & NURSING HOME - Curl, Duncan, Schumaker, Gibbs  
 ROAD & BRIDGE - Ives, Weaver, Glenn, Scott, Roberts  
 COURT HOUSE - Schumaker, Torbert, Burns  
 FINANCE - Glenn, Reeser, Roberts, Torbert, Burns  
 INVESTIGATION & ZONING - Curl, Weaver, Burns, Scott  
 HEALTH - Schumaker, Reeser, Gibbs  
 JAIL - Weaver, Bartlett, Scott  
 MISCELLANEOUS - Torbert, Huber, Ives  
 PAUPER AID - Roberts, Ives, Duncan  
 BONDS & INSURANCE - Roberts, Reeser, Glenn

# RULES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

1. Calling the roll. Reading minutes of last meeting. Amendment and approval.

2. The presentation of petitions, communications and bills. All bills must be dated, itemized and properly O.K.'d or they will be rejected by the Board; and such bills must be filed on or before twelve o'clock Friday noon, preceding the first day of the meeting. Such bills must be laid before the Board before being referred to the appropriate committees.

3. Reports of Standing Committees, according to the order established by Rule 17, after which reports from special committees.

4. Resolutions and unfinished business.

5. All questions relating to the priority of business shall be decided without debate.

6. The chairman shall preserve order and decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Board, without debate.

7. Every member previous to his speaking shall rise and address the chair.

8. When two or more members shall arise at the same time the chair shall name member who is first to speak.

9. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without the consent of the Board and shall not occupy more than fifteen minutes the first time nor more than five minutes the second time.

10. A member called to order by the chair or by any member of Board, shall immediately take his seat and if there be no appeal, the decision of the chair shall be conclusive.

11. Every member present, upon the putting of a question, shall vote thereon unless excused by the Board or unless he is personally interested.

12. No motion shall be debated or put unless first seconded. When the motion is seconded it shall be stated by the chair before debate, and every such motion shall be reduced to writing if required by the Chair or by any member of the Board.

13. On any proposition involving different sums or different periods of time, the question shall first be put upon the largest sum or the longest period of time.

14. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order and shall be decided without debate, unless a question of time to adjourn shall occur.

15. All committees shall be appointed by the Chair unless otherwise directed by the Board.

16. All committees shall report in writing with the statement of facts and their opinion thereon and the report to be signed by the committee.

17. There shall be fourteen (14) standing Committees to be appointed on the following subjects: Road & Bridge, Finance, Bonds & Insurance, Books & Stationery, Supervisors' Claims, County Farm, Court House, Miscellaneous, Abatement, Investigation, Jail, Bovine, and Pauper Aid.



18. No alterations shall be made in any of the rules of the Board of Supervisors without the consent of the majority of the members thereof, nor without one day's notice being given of the motion thereof.

19. After a motion is stated by the Chairman, or read by the Clerk, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the Board, but it may be withdrawn by the mover any time before the decision.

20. These rules may be suspended in any particular case by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

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#### ELECTIONS

Township elections are held the same day as Town Meetings (first Tuesday in April), odd numbered years. Town officers (except Cemetery Commissioners and School Trustees) are elected for a term of four years. School Trustees and Cemetery Commissioners are elected for a term of six years.

General elections are held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of even numbered years. All County Officers are elected for a term of four years.

City and Village elections are held on the third Tuesday of April, odd numbered years.

Judicial elections for Circuit Judges are held every six years. The next Judicial elect-

ion will be held on the first Monday of June, 1963.

Township Clerks should post notices of each place where election is to be held in three public places, in each precinct, at least ten days before Township elections.

Township Clerks should deliver to Judges of election and they should post in each voting precinct, cards of instruction and specimen ballots at least five days before Township election.

Certificates of nomination and statement of candidacy must be filed with Township Clerk at least thirty-five days before election.

Withdrawal of Nominees must be filed within five days after last of filing nomination papers.

Absent Voters' Ballots. Absent qualified voters must make application to Township Clerk for Township Election. In County or General Election, application must be made to the County Clerk. Application by mail must be made not more than thirty days nor less than five days before election. Application by personal delivery must be made not more than thirty days nor less than three days before election.

Judges of Township Elections should make returns of elections to Town Clerks. They in turn should send the list of officers elected and certificates to County Clerk, and a certificate of election to each officer elected.

Judges of County and General Elections



should make returns of elections to County Clerk, and the County Clerk then issues certificate of election to all County Officials elected.

Township officers should qualify within twenty days after being notified of their election.

Supervisors should file bond of Ex-Officio Treasurer of the Road and Bridge Fund with the County Clerk within 20 days after election.

Police Magistrates, Justices of the Peace, and Constables should file bond with County Clerk within twenty days after election.

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#### LAWS REGARDING PERMANENT REGISTRATION

Counties Under 500,000 - Registration Required - Exceptions (Par. 153.1 Ch. 46, Illinois Revised Statutes, Section 1.) Except as hereinafter provided, it shall be unlawful for any person residing in a county containing a population of less than 500,000 to vote at any primary, general or special election at which any state officers are to be nominated or elected unless such person is at the time of such election a registered voter under the provisions of this Act.

The provisions of this Act shall not apply to electors voting in any city, village, incorporated town, park district, school district, drainage district, township, road district or sanitary district election, or to

electors residing in cities, villages and incorporated towns in this State which have adopted "An Act regulating the holding of elections and declaring the result thereof in cities, villages and incorporated towns in this State." approved June 19, 1885, as amended.

Qualifications for Registration - Residence. (Par. 153.2, Ch. 46, R.S.) 2. No person shall be entitled to be registered in and from any precinct unless such person shall by the date of the election next following have resided in the State one year, within the County ninety days, and within the precinct thirty days and be otherwise qualified to vote at such election. Every applicant who shall be twenty-one years of age or over on the day of the next election shall be permitted to register, if otherwise qualified.

To constitute residence under this Act a permanent abode and dwelling place within the precinct are necessary.

No information contained in the register of voters, except the name and address of the voter, shall be given by the officer in charge of registration cards, nor shall they be copied by any person except in those cases where the information given on the copy made or desired is for the purpose of determining the question of the exercise of the right to vote, to sign a primary petition, or to hold an appointive office with respect to which the political affiliation of the appointee is by law a factor.

Transfer of Registration - Change of Name. (Par. 153.16, Ch. 46, R.S.) 16. Any registered



voter who changes his residence from one address to another within the same county wherein this Act is in effect, may have his registration transferred to his new address by making and signing an application for change of residence address upon a form to be provided by the County Clerk. Such application must be made to the office of the county clerk and may be made either in person or by mail. In case the person is unable to sign his name, the county clerk shall require him to execute the application in the presence of the county clerk or of his properly authorized representative, by his mark, and if satisfied of the identity of the person, the county clerk shall make the transfer.

Upon receipt of the application, the county clerk, or one of his employees deputized to take registrations, shall cause the signature of the voter and the data appearing upon the application to be compared with the signature and data on the registration record card, and if it appears that the applicant is the same person as the person previously registered under that name, the transfer shall be made.

Transfers of registration under the provisions of this section may be made not later than the twenty-eighth day prior to an election at which such voter would be entitled to vote. When a removal of a registered voter takes place from one address to another within the same precinct within a period during which a transfer of registration cannot be made, before any election or primary, he shall be entitled to vote upon presenting to the judges of election his affidavit of a change of residence address.

Any registered voter who changes his or her name by marriage or otherwise, shall be required to register anew and authorize the cancellation of the previous registration; but if the change of name takes place within a period during which such new registration cannot be made, next preceding any election or primary, the elector may, if otherwise qualified, vote upon making an affidavit before the judges of election.

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# CLINTONIA TOWNSHIP

	Term
Supervisors --	
Robert Bartlett, R., Clinton	59-63
True C. Ives, R., Clinton	59-63
Lloyd O. Costley, R., Clinton	59-63
Road Commissioner --	
William M. Long, R., Clinton	59-63
Justices of the Peace	
Ira Pollock, 803 W. Main	57-61
James H. Roberts, 316 W. Johnson	57-61
Genevieve Crowe, 406 W. South	57-61
William F. Kraft, R.R. 2, Clinton	57-61
Town Clerk --	
Myra Hickman, R.	57-61
Assessor --	
W. D. Magill, R. (Apptd.)	59-61
Constables --	
William Barrett	57-61
Roy J. Johnson, 407 N. Madison	57-61
Everett A. Johnson, 1206 E. Jefferson	57-61
Leonard M. Jeffrey, 315 E. Julia	57-61

## TUNBRIDGE TOWNSHIP

Supervisor --	
Paul Huber, D., Kenney	59-63
Road Commissioner --	
Lewis Fink	59-63
Justices of the Peace --	
Clarence Dobbs	57-61
William Sanders	57-61
Town Clerk --	
Mason E. Koons	57-61
Assessor --	
Ralph Henderson	57-61

## TEXAS TOWNSHIP

Supervisor --	
S. F. Weaver, R., R.R. 2, Clinton	57-61
Road Commissioner --	
Golda Chandler, Clinton	59-63
Justices of the Peace --	
Oliver Rhea	57-61
Frank Taylor	57-61
Town Clerk --	
William E. Querfeld	57-61
Assessor --	

## CREEK TOWNSHIP

Supervisor --	
Charles W. Curl, R., Clinton	57-61
Road Commissioner --	
Russell Wantland, R.R. 4, Clinton	59-63
Justices of the Peace --	
William Provin, Sr.	57-61
Cloyd Webb	57-61
Town Clerk --	
Carl McIlvenna	57-61
Assessor --	
Paul I. Adams	57-61
Constable --	
Charles Ferrill	57-61

## NIXON TOWNSHIP

Supervisor --	
Carl Reeser, D., Weldon	59-63
Road Commissioner --	
Orville McDaniel, R., Weldon	59-63
Justices of the Peace --	
Jesse E. Richardson	57-61
Myron F. Seal	57-61
Town Clerk --	
Beatrice Garrett	57-61
Assessor --	
Lewis L. Cowen	57-61
Constables --	
Lawrence E. Cook	57-61
Del E. Glosser	57-61



## BARNETT TOWNSHIP

Supervisor --	
Laurence Burns, D., R.R. 1, Clinton	59-63
Road Commissioner --	
Adrian Payne, D., Beason	59-63
Justices of the Peace --	
Gail Kennedy	57-61
William Marvel	57-61
Town Clerk --	
Mamie Hall	57-61
Assessor --	
Roy Barnett	57-61

## HARP TOWNSHIP

Supervisor --	
Coy E. Torbert, R., R.R. 3, Clinton	59-63
Road Commissioner --	
Charles Stiles, D., Clinton	59-63
Town Clerk --	
Marie Bourne	57-61
Assessor --	
John D. Reynolds	57-61

## DEWITT TOWNSHIP

Supervisor --	
Lester Glenn, R., R.R., Farmer City	57-61
Road Commissioner --	
Wilbur Kennedy, Farmer City	59-63
Justice of the Peace --	
Fred Bliss, DeWitt	59-63
Assessor --	
G. E. Smith	57-61
Town Clerk --	
Charles Gaby	57-61
Constable --	
James H. Ramsey	57-61

## WAYNESVILLE TOWNSHIP

Supervisor --	
J. A. Scott, D., Waynesville	59-63
Road Commissioner --	
Otis Ellington, Waynesville	59-63
Justice of the Peace --	
Henry Wilson	57-61
Town Clerk --	
Nellie M. Buck	57-61
Assessor --	
Charles E. Organ	57-61
Constable --	
Harold Organ	57-61

## WAPELLA TOWNSHIP

Supervisor --	
Kenneth B. Duncan, D., Wapella	57-61
Road Commissioner --	
Harry J. Kinder, Wapella	59-63
Justices of the Peace --	
Charles Houchin	57-61
Melvin Karr	57-61
Town Clerk --	
Josie Canaday	57-61
Assessor --	
Jesse Stone	57-61
Constables --	
Frank Ryan	59-63
Robert Cisco	59-63

## WILSON TOWNSHIP

Supervisor --	
Roy Schumaker, R., R.R., Heyworth	57-61
Road Commissioner --	
John Karr, R., Wapella	59-63
Justices of the Peace --	
Marvin Karr, Wapella	57-61
S. R. Johnson, Wapella	57-61
Town Clerk --	
Willard E. Wilson	57-61
Assessor --	
Harold Hume	57-61
Constable --	
Frank Phelps	57-61

## RUTLEDGE TOWNSHIP

Supervisor --	
Okie Gibbs, D., R.R. 2, Farmer City	57-61
Road Commissioner --	
James C. Trenkle, Farmer City	59-63
Justice of the Peace --	
John McCarty	57-61
Town Clerk --	
Edra Vance	57-61
Assessor --	
Stanley Vance (Apptd.)	-61

## SANTA ANNA TOWNSHIP

Supervisor --	
C. A. Roberts, R., Farmer City	59-63
Road Commissioner --	
Willard Thomas, D., Farmer City	59-63
Justices of the Peace --	
Wilbur Forbes	57-61
W. B. Caraway	59-61
Town Clerk --	
Wayne E. Larison	57-61
Assessor --	
Horatio E. Riggs	57-61
Constables --	
Oscar W. Reinke	57-61
Maurice Miller	57-61



# REPUBLICAN PRECINCT COMMITTEEMEN

Chairman - Clyde Baker    Sec'y. - Clarence Nebel  
 Treasurer - James West

<u>Precinct</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Tunbridge	Roger Peterson	Kenney
Texas	Wm. J. Ziegler	Clinton
Creek	Paul I. Adams	Lane
Nixon	Clyde E. Baker	Weldon
Barnett	Eddie Bratcher	Kenney
Clintonia 1	C. A. Martin	Clinton
Clintonia 2	Leonard Jeffrey	Clinton
Clintonia 3	Forrest Thompson	Clinton
Clintonia 4	Edward A. Pollock	Clinton
Clintonia 5	Carl Larry	Clinton
Clintonia 6	Russell McCrary	Clinton
Clintonia 7	Clarence A. Nebel	Clinton
Clintonia 8	James L. West	Clinton
Harp	Coy Torbert	Farmer City
DeWitt	Robert Barton	Waynesville
Waynesville	Lynn Wickle	Waynesville
Wapella		Wapella
Wilson	Willard E. Wilson	Farmer City
Rutledge	John McCartney	Farmer City
Santa Anna 1	Arthur Bates	Farmer City
Santa Anna 2	Harold N. Miller	Farmer City

# DEMOCRATIC PRECINCT COMMITTEEMEN

Chairman - Felix E. Wilson  
 Treasurer - L. B. Wilson

<u>Precinct</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Tunbridge	Charles Peacock	Kenney
Texas	C. H. Grady	Clinton
Creek	Cecil West	Clinton
Nixon	Lee Shaw	Weldon
Barnett	H. M. Hildreth	Clinton
Clintonia 1	Felix Wilson	Clinton
Clintonia 2	J. B. Carey	Clinton
Clintonia 3	Mary Sarver	Clinton
Clintonia 4	L. B. Wilson	Clinton
Clintonia 5	Charles Sumption	Clinton
Clintonia 6		
Clintonia 7		
Clintonia 8	Lovell Warrick	Clinton
Harp	Frank Griffith	Clinton
DeWitt	J. F. Gibson	Farmer City
Waynesville	J. A. Scott	Waynesville
Wapella	Glenn Gray	Wapella
Wilson		
Rutledge	Carl Stagen	Farmer City
Santa Anna 1	Raymond Reeser	Farmer City
Santa Anna 2		

## NEWSPAPERS PUBLISHED IN DEWITT COUNTY

The Clinton Daily Journal and Public - Published by Margaret Peltz, Clinton

The Farmer City Journal - Published by E. S. Wightman, Farmer City

The Weldon Record - Published by Edward W. & T. W. Fisher, Weldon

The DeWitt County Observer - Published by D. M. Shewmaker, Clinton

## BANKS

DeWitt County National Bank, Clinton  
Farmer City State Bank, Farmer City  
The John Warner Bank, Clinton  
Weldon State Bank, Weldon

## DEWITT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF WELFARE

Superintendent - Mecca McIntyre  
Visitors - Nina Johnson, Hester Huff

## ILLINOIS VETERANS COMMISSION

Service Officer - A. J. Berryhill, Lincoln, Ill.  
DeWitt County Court House - Wednesday 10:00 A.M.  
to 3:30 P.M.

## SOCIAL SECURITY REPRESENTATIVE

Clinton City Hall - Friday 10:00 A.M. to  
2:00 P.M.

## JOHN WARNER HOSPITAL BOARD

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## DEWITT COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

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## SPECIAL SERVICES - COURT HOUSE

Unemployment Compensation - Thursday 10:00 A.M.  
to 2:00 P.M.

Drivers License Examiners - Wednesday & Thursday  
8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

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First Baptist	Casper J. Allen
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Christ Lutheran	
First Church of Christ, Scientist	

## Farmer City

Methodist	F. W. Samuelson
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Church of the Nazarene	Sam McKay
Southern Baptist	Dale Clemens
Church of God	Daniel Gregory
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day	
Saints, Branch President,	Allen Flint

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Prairie Center Methodist	Robert H. Williams
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Wapella Christian	
DeWitt Methodist	John Shaffer
Texas Christian	Leslie Parker
Lane Christian	LeRoy Herder
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DeWitt Cumberland Presbyterian	
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## A BIT OF HISTORY

DeWitt County is situated near the center of the state, the geographical center of Illinois being located but a few miles from the southern boundary. Its greatest length from east to west is thirty miles and from north to south sixteen miles, and it contains an area of 415 square miles.

The first land entries were made the third day of November, 1827, as follows: James K. Scott entered the East Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section Twenty-seven; and Samuel P. Glenn the East Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section Twenty-six; both being in Town Twenty-one, Range One.

The history of DeWitt County differs from that of many sister counties in that its pioneers became permanent settlers. The first settlers in the present boundaries of DeWitt County were Zion Shugart, Edom Shugart and their mother; Elisha Butler and his wife, and John Coppenbarger. The party arrived in what is now Section Seven, Tunbridge Township, on October 29, 1824.

The territory now embraced by DeWitt County was first a part of Sangamon County, which, in the early history of the State, included all the northern part of Illinois. Later it became a part of Tazewell County, which was again divided, and this territory was placed in Macon and McLean Counties. Through the effort of Hon. James Allen of Bloomington, the legislature in 1839, passed an act organizing DeWitt County, from territory taken from the counties of Macon and McLean; the county line between these two counties running four miles south of the present northern boundary of DeWitt County.



On March 1, 1839, an election was held for county officers, and for permanent location of a county seat, when four hundred ninety-three votes were cast. The founders of Marion (now DeWitt) were as ambitious as their neighbors in Clinton for the location of the county seat and a contest resulted in the following vote: Clinton - 313 and Marion - 180.

The civil government of the County of DeWitt was conducted by boards of County Commissioners, consisting of three members from the date of its organization, May 15, 1839, to December 1, 1849. The administrative duties then devolved on County Courts, composed of one County Judge and two associate justices.

In 1859, the present system, government of the county be a Board of Supervisors, superceded the county court, and has conducted the affairs of the county ever since. The Board is now composed of thirteen supervisors and two assistant supervisors.

The Board of Commissioners held their first meeting on May 15, 1839, at Clinton. The first orders made by the board had reference to a political subdivision of the county into six precincts, to wit: Sangamon, Mount Pleasant, Marion, Clinton, Long Point, and New Castle. Later the board organized a seventh precinct - Waynesville - from parts of New Castle and Long Point.

Henry Dishon contracted for the building of a court house, to be completed by September, 1839, and for which the county was to pay the sum of sixteen hundred four dollars. The court house was completed, as contracted for, and was received by the commissioners on the second of September.

The second court house was completed and received by the board in June, 1849.

The first Board of Supervisors took charge of the government of the county on June 6, 1859. This Board consisted of: George A. Hume, Wapella, Chairman; Wilson Allen, Texas; B. G. Lisenby, Creek; Hiram Chandler, Nixon; A. A. Eads, Barnett; W. B. Smith, Clintonia; John D. Hutchin, Tunbridge; James Millmore, Harp; Edward O. Day, DeWitt; Thomas C. Robb, Waynesville; C. S. Cain, Wilson; R. R. Knight, Santa Anna; Jonathan Pearson, Rutledge.

On August 10, 1839, the first session of the Probate Court was held, being presided over by Fleming G. Paine.

The first term of the Circuit Court was held on October 24, 1839, with the Hon. Samuel T. Treat sitting on the bench. D. B. Campbell was the State's Attorney.

On October 13, 1854, the first issue of the first paper published in DeWitt County, made its appearance. It was called The DeWitt Courier.

The first school of record was kept on Jacob Coppenbarger's farm in Tunbridge Township in the year 1829.

The first society or "church meeting" was organized and held in the year 1829 at the home of Judge William Lowery, one and one-half miles east of Kenney.

WAYNESVILLE - The oldest town of DeWitt County was platted and two plats filed on June 4, 1832. It was named in honor of General Anthony Wayne, and at this time was a part of McLean County. In the fall of 1863 the town



was incorporated as a village under a general act of the legislature.

CLINTON - The first village plat was made October 3, 1836, by James Allen and Jesse M. Fell. It was named in honor of DeWitt Clinton, former governor of New York. Steps taken toward incorporating the town of Clinton were in the fall of 1853, the village then containing but a few hundred inhabitants.

FARMER CITY - The town of Mount Pleasant, now Farmer City, was laid out January 23, 1837. The name was changed to Farmer City by popular vote in 1868.

WAPELLA - This town was laid out by David A. Neal in the fall of 1854, the first lots being sold the next spring. Neal was then vice-president of the Illinois Central Railroad and gave it a name, and it was first spelled Wapellah. The question of moving the county seat from Clinton to Wapella was voted in 1857 and again in 1879 but the effort failed. The meeting for incorporating the town was held on the 9th day of February, 1867.

KENNEY - The original town plat contained forty acres and was laid out by Moses Kenney in 1871. The village was incorporated in the fall of 1875, when six trustees and a clerk were elected.

HALLSVILLE - This village was platted in 1871 by Jonathan Hall. The first home was moved from Tunbridge Township that fall. The DeWitt County Nursing Home adjoins the village on the northwest.

WELDON - This town was placed on record in the fall of 1873 although it was surveyed and platted in the spring of 1872. The town was

named in honor of Lawrence Weldon. The first house was built by C. S. Lisenby in 1872. The post office was established in 1873.

LANE - As the post office is called, was surveyed on February 5, 1873, on land owned by Tillman Lane. It contained three blocks of eight lots each.

MIDLAND CITY - It was laid out and platted in the interest of Robert Black in 1875 and was first named Dunham. The Midland Railroad Company was in favor of retaining the old name, but Mr. Black succeeded in carrying the day and hence the old sign Dunham was taken down and that of Midland City was erected.

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## WHAT IS SUCCESS?

It's doing your work the best you can,  
And being just to your fellow man;  
It's making money, but holding friends,  
And staying true to your aims and ends;  
It's figuring how and learning why,  
And looking forward and thinking high,  
And dreaming a little and doing much;  
It's keeping always in closest touch  
With what is finest in word and deed;  
It's being thorough, yet making speed;  
It's daring blithely the field of chance  
While making labor a brave romance.  
It's going onward despite defeat,  
And fighting staunchly, but keeping sweet;  
It's being clean and it's playing fair;  
It's laughing lightly at Dame Despair;  
It's looking up to the stars above,  
And drinking deeply of life and love;  
It's struggling on with the will to win,  
But taking loss with a cheerful grin;  
It's sharing sorrow, and work, and mirth,  
And making better this good old earth;  
It's serving, striving, through strain and stress;  
It's doing your noblest -- that's success.

--Anonymous